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General Comment

Dear Governor McDonnell,

Please submit revisions to your Chesapeake Bay TMDL WIP that are in line with what the scientists on your staff recommend and not the policy makers. The environment is where we all live and it is past time that these issues are removed from the political realm and addressed in a way to benefit everyone and not just VAMWA and industry. Please use your leadership to quell the scare tactics of crying wolf by HRSD's Ted Henifin and James City County's Jim Kennedy that sensible steps to ensure the stewardship of the environment (a core responsibility of the Commonwealth) are outlandishly and prohibitively expensive. It is your responsibility to educate Virginians that your job is to lead us in the development of the Commonwealth's plan that works for ALL Virginians in concert with EPA's guidelines, not to scare people that the EPA backstops have no alternative. The sensible steps we need to take are never going to get less expensive and since we have already missed the previous Ches. Bay goal, it is critically important that we redouble our efforts. DEQ staff has worked very hard and had general support for the development of Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus wasteload allocations for the river systems and the watershed general permit. I encourage you to support them and to assist and mentor their counterparts at DCR to develop the no-discharge piece of the plan such that the WIP may be revised unhindered by political pressure. It is the right thing to do for the good of all the people of the Commonwealth.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

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